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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. YOU SHOULD GIVE THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRESIDENT
KENYATTA FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: SINCE MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY,
I HAVE NOT HAD AN OCCASION TO DISCUSS THE COURSE OF ACTION
WHICH I HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE URGENT
PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE AND
FREQUENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BRITISH, SOUTH AFRICAN,
TANZANIAN, ZAMBIAN AND BOTSWANAN GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS
LEADERS AMONG THE RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS. IT HAS REMAINED
MY OBJECTIVE THROUGHOUT TO ACHIEVE RAPIDLY, BY DIPLOMATIC
MEANS, MAJORITY RULE FOR RHODESIA AND AN EARLY INDEPENDENCE
FOR NAMIBIA.

3. "I WANT TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON THE PRESENT STATUS
OF THE UNDERTAKING. MY ORIGINAL EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN
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BORNE OUT. THE LEADERS OF THE BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS

BORDERING ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES FOR OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. THEY WISH TO AVOID BLOODSHED IF POSSIBLE. THE SAME VIEW IS HELD BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN

GOVERNMENT. WE SHARE A COMMON APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM. I AM SUFFICIENTLY ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE TO DATE THAT I AM SENDING MY UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILLIAM ROGERS AND MY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS WILLIAM SCHAUFLE FOR A NEW ROUND OF TALKS WITH PRESIDENTS NYERERE, KAUNDA AND MOBUTU. AS SOON AS THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR VISIT, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL SEND MINISTER OF STATE ROWLANDS ON A SIMILAR MISSION TO TELL THE GOVERNMENTS OF TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S FULL COMMITMENT TO THE DIPLOMATIC PROCESS. ONCE THEY HAVE RETURNED, WE WILL ASSESS THE RESULTS OF THEIR MISSION AND DECIDE ON THE NEXT STEPS.

4. "I NEED NOT RECOUNT TO YOU, WHO KNOWS SO WELL THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE MANY DIFFICULTIES WHICH WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED AND WHICH STILL LIE BEFORE US. I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY THE INCREASE OF VIOLENCE ALONG RHODESIA'S BORDERS WHICH COULD LEAD TO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. PRESIDENT MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US AND I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT HE SHARES MANY OF OUR CONCERNS AND ENDORSES OUR EFFORTS. I BELIEVE PERSONALLY THAT ALL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT MUST ACT WITH RESTRAINT AS WE APPROACH THE CRITICAL STAGE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

5. "I WILL STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH YOU AS OUR DIPLOMATIC UNDERTAKING PROGRESSES AND KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS.

6. "BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER." KISSINGER

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